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In re Application of :
Chen et al. :
Application No. 09/683,523 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: January 13, 2002 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. 22176.2 (ITW- :
12346)

This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed July 7, 2004, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. See 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the present nonprovisional application is the subject of two applications filed in an eighteen month publication country on December 19, 2002, and January 10, 2003. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of these filings within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);
and,

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the
required reply from the due date of the reply until
the filing of a grantable petition was
unintentional.

The present petition has been found to be in compliance with
37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the
USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after
the date of filing of such foreign or international application
as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c)
is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C.
§ 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Corrected Filing
Receipt, which sets forth the projected publication date of
September 2, 2004, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the
undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt